



In his June 10 [message](#) to the community, President McBride shared that The New School would be significantly increasing its investment in financial aid for continuing and newly admitted students for the coming year to help ensure that a New School education remains accessible and available. To this end, the university has allocated \$17.5 million that will support a one-time technology grant for all students as well as general pandemic aid for those with the greatest demonstrated need. We hope this funding will help offset financial challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has created for so many of our students and their families.

Allocation of Funds

This financial support will be allocated as follows:

- All degree seeking students enrolled for Fall 2020 will receive a one-time technology grant of \$500.
- An estimated 67% of new students and 54% of returning students enrolled for Fall 2020 will receive a one-year University Pandemic Grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$6,000.
- Eligibility and individual grant amounts were determined by a need-based review of institutional and federal gift aid and, where applicable, federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- All new undergraduate and graduate students (both international and domestic), as well as all returning domestic students, were reviewed for need.
- Returning international students may apply for funding through the [Financial Aid Appeal application](#). To support the appeal, students should detail annual family income and any adjustments to their Certification of Finances, including changes in circumstances such as lost employment or new expenses.

Eligibility

Students who fall into one of the categories below will not receive University Pandemic Grants. These groups traditionally receive financial aid that is calculated according to a different formula based on level of study and/or teaching responsibilities.

- PhD candidates
- Tuition remission/exchange candidates
- Maintenance of status students
- Other students whose gift aid equals or exceeds 50% of their tuition

Returning students with outstanding balances of more than \$2,000 were also not eligible for University Pandemic Grants.

Distribution

The University Pandemic Grant will be issued only to new and returning students who enroll in the Fall 2020 term. The pandemic grants are designed to supplement the entire 2020-21 academic year and will be split between fall and spring terms. These awards are non-renewable for future academic years and the award amount cannot be appealed.

Both the Technology Grant and, where applicable, the University Pandemic Grant, will be reflected on Fall 2020 student bills, scheduled to be sent the week of July 27.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please contact [Financial Aid](#).